

Fukushima. The amendment would ensure enhanced nuclear safety protection requirements can go into effect; **Pages H5324–25**

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt from the provisions of the bill any rule that the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job creation; **Pages H5325–26**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt from the bill's congressional approval requirement any rule promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security; and **Pages H5326–28**

Moore amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt rules pertaining to veterans from the additional requirements of this Act. **Pages H5330–32**

H. Res. 322, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 367), (H.R. 2009) and (H.R. 2879), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 434, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 433.

Pages H5276–85, H5293–94

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5309.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 22 is held at the desk. **Page H5309**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5289, H5289–90, H5290, H5292, H5292–93, H5293, H5294, H5295–96, H5306. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense’s Challenges in Accounting for Missing Persons from Past Conflicts”. Testimony was heard from Paul M. Cole, ORISE Fellow, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Central Identification Laboratory; Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

INITIAL CONCLUSIONS FORMED BY THE DEFENSE STRATEGIC CHOICES AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Initial Conclusions Formed by the Defense Strategic Choices and Management Review”. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Deputy

Secretary of Defense; and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense.

ENSURING NAVY SURFACE FORCE EFFECTIVENESS WITH LIMITED MAINTENANCE RESOURCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Ensuring Navy Surface Force Effectiveness With Limited maintenance resources”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Timothy S. Matthews, USN, Director, Fleet Readiness, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense; and Rear Admiral Thomas S. Rowden, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense.

PPACA PULSE CHECK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “PPACA Pulse Check”. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2848, the “Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2014”; and H.R. 419, to strengthen and clarify the commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan, as codified in the Taiwan Relations Act, and for other purposes. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 419; and H.R. 2848.

TRAN-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP: OUTLOOK AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Outlook and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRANIAN PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE 19 YEARS AFTER AMIA ATTACK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the State Department’s Report on Iranian Presence in the Western Hemisphere 19 Years After AMIA Attack”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACT OF U.S. WATER PROGRAMS ON GLOBAL HEALTH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Impact of U.S. Water Programs on Global Health”. Testimony was heard from Christian Holmes, Global Water Coordination, U.S. Agency for International Development; Aaron A. Salzberg, Special Coordinator for Water Resources, Department of State; and public witnesses.

WEST FERTILIZER, OFF THE GRID: THE PROBLEM OF UNIDENTIFIED CHEMICAL FACILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology held a hearing entitled “West Fertilizer, Off the Grid: The Problem of Unidentified Chemical Facilities”. Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; David Wulf, ISCD Director, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

INNOVATION IN AMERICA: THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Innovation in America: The Role of Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACTS OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S CLOSED-DOOR SETTLEMENTS ON ENDANGERED SPECIES AND PEOPLE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Transparency and Sound Science Gone Extinct?: The Impacts of the Obama Administration's Closed-Door Settlements on Endangered Species and People”. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Kent McMullen Chairman, Franklin County Natural Resources Advisory Committee, Pasco, WA; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION: DISCRIMINATING AGAINST VETERANS AND RETALIATING AGAINST WHISTLEBLOWERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of Energy's Bonneville Power Administration: Discriminating Against Veterans and Retaliating Against Whistleblowers”. Testimony was heard from

Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; and Anita J. Decker, Chief Operating Officer, Bonneville Power Administration.

“EPA HYDRAULIC FRACTURING STUDY IMPROVEMENT ACT”; AND ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2850, the “EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Study Improvement Act”; and to authorize the issuance of a subpoena. The bill H.R. 2850 was ordered reported, as amended. The Committee voted to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena.

EPA'S BRISTOL BAY WATERSHED ASSESSMENT—A FACTUAL REVIEW OF A HYPOTHETICAL SCENARIO

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment—A Factual Review of a Hypothetical Scenario”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 813, the “Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013”; H.R. 1804, the “Foreign Travel Accountability Act”; H.R. 2072, the “Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013”; H.R. 2189, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2481, the “Veterans G.I. Bill Enrollment Clarification Act of 2013”; H.R. 1443, the “Tinnitus Research and Treatment Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2011, the “Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 813; H.R. 1804; H.R. 2072; H.R. 2189; H.R. 2481; and H.R. 1443. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2011.

STATUS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Status of the Affordable Care Act Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Gary Cohen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Daniel Werfel, Principal Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement Internal Revenue Service.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2824, the “Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 2208, the “North American

Wetlands Conservation Extension Act of 2013”; H.R. 2798, to amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer; and H.R. 2799, the “Sportsmen’s Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security; and Committee on Natural Resources’ Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, joint hearing entitled “Missing Weapons at the National Park Service: Mismanagement and Lack of Accountability”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations hearing entitled “Examining the Skyrocketing Problem of Identity Theft Related Tax Fraud at the IRS”, 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.